GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Organ Transplant
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is proposing to introduce a "presumed consent" model for harvesting organs, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps in order to raise awareness about organ donation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of functional national organ and tissue transplantation hospitals in the country both in public and private sectors along with their State-wise details;

(d) the number of organ transplant cases pending for the last three years;

(e) whether the country has adequate number of transplantation hospitals to treat patients awaiting organ transplant;

(f) whether people in the country are not aware of organ donation, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether the Government is working on any action plan for organising programmes all over the country for creating awareness about organ donation and updating the people about latest technology in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): Currently, there is no proposal for introducing the presumed consent model for organ donation as there are practical and legal difficulties in its execution. It is noted that even in countries where this option is prevalent, the presumed consent is exercised only after obtaining the consent of family members in almost all cases before removing organs.

(b): The Government of India has taken a series of measures to promote organ donation. The Government is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation across the country. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) has a Website that disseminates relevant information to all concerned, a 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) and a National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Registry. Financial assistance is provided for establishing Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) and hiring of transplant coordinators in Hospitals and Trauma Centres. A number of activities are carried out for generating awareness and for undertaking training to all those associated with transplant activities including doctors and transplant coordinators. Activities such as celebration of Indian organ donation day every year, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad Natak, etc. are also organized at different places in the country to disseminate information and increase awareness.

(c): As per data available with the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), currently there are 301 hospitals in the country that have facilities for organ transplantation. Out of these, 148 hospitals are presently registered and share data with NOTTO. State wise details are at Annexure.

(d): Health is a State Subject. Currently, the waiting list of organ transplant requests is maintained at hospital level.

(e): As stated in reply to part (c) above, the number of hospitals carrying out transplantation of organs in 301. The number of such hospitals, however, needs to be increased further.

(f): Awareness about the possibility of donation of organs especially after brain stem death is growing rapidly in the country.

(g): Reply to part (b) above may be referred to.